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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

EPSTEIN, GORDON H. et al.

Application No.: 10/718,504

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For: EXPANSILE DEVICE FOR USE IN  
BLOOD VESSELS AND TRACTS IN  
THE BODY AND METHOD

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 8230

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AMENDMENT

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND  
ELECTION OF SPECIES  
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AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Office Action mailed 09/11/2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 8 of this paper and include seven (7) attached replacement sheets.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix I** including new replacement drawing figures is attached following page 10 of this paper.